Claims 1-44 are pending in the instant application. Claims 1-44 are rejected.

No claims are amended herein. Applicants wish to thank Examiner Vu for the

Examiner's interview that was granted and conducted on 5/22/06. Moreover,

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Vu for the Interview Summary that she indicated

would be provided.

## 101 Rejection

Claims 1-7 and 9-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because "the claims

raise questions as to whether the claims are directed merely to an abstract idea that is

not tied to a technological art, environment or machine which would result in a

practical application producing a concrete, useful, and tangible result to form the

basis of statutory subject matter under 35 U.S.C. 101." The Claims as amended herein

obviate these rejections. Consequently, the Applicants respectfully request that the

rejection of Claims 1-7 and 9-11 under 35 U.S.C. 101 be withdrawn.

## 103 Rejections

Claims 1-6, 9-17, 20-28 and 31-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being

unpatentable over Net Nanny Software International Inc. (September 12, 2000) in view of

Petersen (USP 6401041). The Applicants have reviewed the cited references and respectfully

submit that the embodiments of the Applicants' invention as are recited in Claims 1-6, 9-17, 20-

28 and 31-39 are neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by Net Nanny Software International

Inc. (September 12, 2000) in view of Petersen (USP 6401041).

The Examiner is respectfully directed to independent Claim 1 which is drawn to an automated method for user review and validation of content. Claim 1 is reproduced below in it's entirety for the convenience of the Examiner.

1. An <u>automated</u> method for user review and validation of content comprising the steps of:

displaying said content;

<u>accessing an indication of a state of a user's validation of said content from a set of indications that includes content not reviewed by user, use with caution; content reviewed by user with a positive validation; and content reviewed by user with a negative validation,</u> and

displaying said indication of a state of a user's validation of said content said indication taken from said set. (emphasis added)

Independent Claims 12, 23 and 34 recite limitations similar to those found in Claim 1. Claims 2-6, 9, 10 and 11 depend from Claim 1, Claims 13-17 and 20-22 depend from Claim 12, Claims 24-28 and 31-33 depend from Claim 23 and Claims 35-39 depend from Claim 34. These claims recite further features of the claimed invention.

Net Nanny Software International Inc. in view of Peterson does not anticipate or render obvious the embodiments of Applicants invention that are set forth in Claims 12, 23 and 34. The primary reference Net Nanny Software International Inc. does not teach or suggest all of the limitations of these Claims, and the secondary reference Peterson does not teach or suggest a modification of Net Nanny Software International Inc. that would remedy its deficiencies. In

particular, Net Nanny Software International Inc. does not teach or suggest a method for user review and validation of content that includes accessing an indication of a state of a user's validation of the content from a set of indications that includes "content not reviewed by user, use with caution; content reviewed by user with a positive validation; and content reviewed by user with a negative validation" as is recited in Claim 1 (Claims 12, 23 and 34 contain similar limitations). And, the secondary reference, Peterson does not remedy this deficiency as Peterson does not teach or suggest the aforementioned limitation.

In order to meet the aforementioned limitation of Claim 1 a reference must teach or suggest, indications of review and validation of content that are taken from a set of indications that includes: (1) content not reviewed by user use with caution, (2) content reviewed by user with a positive validation; and (3) content reviewed by user with a negative validation. Importantly, each of the items (not more or less but the same set of items) in the aforementioned group must be taught or suggested in order to meet the limitations of Claim 1 (Claims 12, 23 and 34 contain similar limitations).

The Net Nanny Software International Inc. reference does not teach or suggest each of the items in the aforementioned set. The Net Nanny Software International Inc. reference only teaches a system that provides content based evaluations or ratings of television programs, movies, video games etc. As such, The Net Nanny Software International Inc. reference is primarily concerned with the provision of comments that merely characterize data.

It should be appreciated that the embodiments of the Applicants' invention as set forth in independent Claims 1, 12, 23 and 34 feature user provided validations that not only characterize data ("positive validation", "negative validation" etc.) but also characterize the status of a users' review ("not reviewed", "reviewed") of the data. Moreover, the claims expressly set forth that the characterizations that are made are accessed for display to the end user. Nowhere in the Net Nanny Software International Inc. reference is there taught or suggested a system or method for user review and validation of content that includes accessing an indication of the state of a user's where the indication is taken from a set of indications that includes "content not reviewed by user, use with caution; content reviewed by user with a positive validation; and content reviewed by user with a negative validation" as is recited in Claim 1 (Claims 12, 23 and 34 contain similar limitations).

Petersen does not teach or suggest a modification of the Net Nanny Software International Inc. reference that would remedy its deficiencies as outlined above. Petersen only teaches an agricultural reporting system that uses colors (in the text referred to by the Examiner) to indicate the health status of crops. Petersen in no way whatsoever teaches or suggests that an indication of a status of a review and validation of content be taken from a set of reviews and validations that include "content not reviewed by user, use with caution; content reviewed by user with a positive validation; and content reviewed by user with a negative validation" as is recited in Claim 1 (Claims 12, 23 and 34 contain similar limitations). As such, even if Net Nanny Software International Inc. is modified as is suggested by the Examiner in the outstanding Office Action, the embodiments of the Applicants' invention as outlined in Applicants' claims would not be realized. Consequently, the embodiments of the Applicants' invention as are set forth in Claims

1, 12, 23 and 34 are neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by Net Nanny Software International Inc. in view of Petersen.

Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that Net Nanny Software International Inc. in view of Petersen does not anticipate or render obvious the present claimed invention as is recited in Claims 2-6, 9, 10 and 11 which depend from Claim 1, Claims 13-17 and 20-22 which depend from Claim 12, Claims 24-28 and 31-33 which depend from Claim 23 and Claims 35-39 which depends from Claim 34. Consequently, these Claims are not properly rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as they are dependent on an allowable base claim.

Claims 7, 18, 29 and 40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a as being unpatentable over Net Nanny Software International Inc. in view of Petersen (USP 6401041) and Gill et al. (WO 0052590 A1). Gill et al. does not teach or suggest a modification of Net Nanny Software International or Petersen that would remedy the deficiencies of these references outlined above. Consequently, the embodiments of the Applicants' invention as are set forth in Claims 7, 18, 29 and 40 are neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by Net Nanny Software International Inc. in view of Petersen and Gill et al.

Claims 8, 19, 30 and 41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Net Nanny Software International Inc. in view of Petersen (USP 6401041) and Solimene et al. (USP 5828376). Solimene et al. does not teach or suggest a modification Net Nanny Software International or Petersen that would remedy the deficiencies of these references outlined above. Consequently, the embodiments of the Applicants' invention as are set forth in Claims 8, 19, 30

and 41 are neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by Net Nanny Software International Inc. in view of Petersen and Solimene et al.
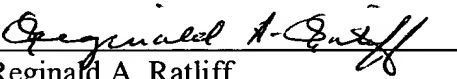
## Conclusion

In light of the above-listed remarks, the Applicants respectfully request allowance of the remaining Claims.

The Examiner is urged to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

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